| Year | No. of Placement effected |
|---|---|
| 1995 | 3706 |
| 1996 | 3859 |
| 1997 | 4450 |
| 1998 | 3630 |
| 1999 | 4205 |

(e) Apart from the legislative provisions, the following steps have been taken by the Government to promote employment of persons with disabilities:—

— Special Recruitment Drives for persons with disabilities from time to time;

— Identification of more posts suitable for persons with disabilities.

— Prompt reporting of vacancies to Staff Selection Commission/Union Public Service Commission/Central Employment. Exchange etc. by Central Government Ministries/Department;

— A conference of Public Sector undertakings and concerned Ministries was held on 15.11.2000 in which the progress of implementation of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 was reviewed and the Public Sector Undertakings have been advised to launch vigorous drive to identify vacancies and recruit persons with disabilities against them; and

— Provision of financial assistance to State Governments for setting up of Special Employment Exchanges/Upgradation of Special Cells to Special Employment Exchanges under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Employment of the Handicapped.

**Vigilance Committees for identification of bonded labourers**

3446. SHRI P.N. SIVA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of State Governments have not yet set up Vigilance Committees to identify the bonded labourers and to get them released;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have issued any direction to the State Governments in this regard; and

(d) if so, by when such Commissions are likely to be formed by the remaining States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) As per the reports received from the State Governments/UTs, Vigilance Committees, as required under Sec. 13 of the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 have been constituted both at District and Sub-Divisional levels for identification, release and rehabilitation of bonded labourers.

**Illegal Indian migrants abroad**

3447. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of illegal Indian migrants abroad;

(b) whether there is no law to check this illegal emigration;

(c) if so, the details of the law; and

(d) the number of persons who have been brought so far to book under this law?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) As per the latest information available with the Government, there are about 4765 illegal migrants abroad.

(b) to (d) The Emigration Act, 1983, regulates the migration of Indian workers abroad. Section 24 and 25 of the Act provide for imposition of penalties for violation of the provisions of the Act. Since 1997, the Central Government have issued sanction for prosecution in respect of 59 (fifty-nine) persons under the Emigration Act, 1983.

**Accuracy of statistics on Child Labour**

3448. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the statistics of Child Labour of various Government agencies *i.e.* Economic Survey of India, Planning Commission and National Sample Survey are not correct and accurate and differ from one another;